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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Zimmer et al.

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For: Analytic Test Element With A Capillary Channel

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Sir:

***INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS***

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, a two-month extension of time, entry of the amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.